

Ref RM-10805 - 10811: All proposals submitted to date generally serve to complicate or over simplify Morse Code for amateur radio operators. To accommodate international trends and maintain some level of competency in Morse Code, I strongly suggest the FCC arrange the simplest structure maintaining a voluntary requirement for Morse Code for amateur radio operators. That should satisfy all parties, for and against, maintaining proficiency in Morse Code. Also, consider administration of testing and maintenance of licenses both within the FCC systems and among voluntary policing functions of the amateur community. The simpler it is the easier and more reliable the result. I do not recommend increasing the WPM above 5 simply because it is currently at that level and reversing that trend will only aggravate vice resolve issues within the amateur community. Short of submitting a proposal myself, a combining aspects of the seven items submitted with the idea of simplicity and voluntary skill in Morse Code should be taken advantage of. Piggy backing increased difficulty or written tests should not be included in Morse Code retention/competency issues. That is a separate topic and involves different considerations; do not allow it to be swept in under the wire. Thanks for considering my short comments.

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